



\$5 million in improvements and no tax hike?

Firm tells Big Spring City Council it can guarantee results through energy and utility conservation

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

What if someone told you the city of Big Spring could implement more than \$5 million in municipal improvements over an eight-month period without raising taxes or a bond election?

While the idea might sound insane at first, representatives

of Siemens, one of the largest corporations in the world, say it's not only possible, it's a reality.

Siemens Account Executive Chad Nobles presented a program to the Big Spring City Council during a budget work session Tuesday that would accomplish just that, allowing the city to make improvements

based solely on money saved through energy and utility conservation.

Nobles described a 12-year contract between the city and Siemens that would net the corporate giant 4 percent interest on an estimated \$5.5 million loan that would be paid for through renovations to the city's infrastructure, including

facilities, buildings and the municipal water services.

"This allows the city to improve its buildings — meaning lighting, air conditioning and water meters — without the need to increase capital or budget. Without having to raise tax rates, raise water rates. We're doing it all out of your current operating budget," said

Nobles. "The beauty of the process is we guarantee you, as a city, the results. If we don't make those savings that we promised here today then we have to cut the city a check for the difference."

Nobles said by updating many of the electrical and water

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Building expenses less than projected

But rain slows work at Forsan

By STEVE REAGAN

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FORSAN — A lot of good news was leavened with a bit of the bad at Tuesday's meeting of the Forsan Independent School District Board of Trustees.

The good news is that total costs of the myriad construction projects ongoing throughout the district will come in about \$100,000 under projections, giving officials freedom to consider alternate projects.

The bad news, however, is that recent rains have delayed completion of many of those bond projects, meaning that construction will continue at all campuses through the start of the school year next Monday.

Trustees decided to spend some of the district's unexpected bonus on a \$41,000 computerized energy management system, which should monitor and help control the different heating and cooling systems throughout the district.

"There's two major selling points to this," Superintendent Randy Johnson said. "First, in the long run, this should help save money on energy costs. Secondly, it should help us maintain the (air conditioning) units we just put on the roof. We want those things to last as long as they can."

Recent rains, though welcome by a majority of

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David Glover, event coordinator for the U.S. Hang Gliding Championship set to begin Sunday and continue through Aug. 13 at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, explains some of the ins and outs of hang gliding to the Big Spring Rotary Club Tuesday afternoon. Glover and approximately 75 competitors are expected to begin practice flights within the next few days.

Sky high

Gliding expert discusses 2007 world championships here, city as 'mother lode' for hang gliding enthusiasts

By THOMAS JENKINS

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As hang glider pilots from all over the country — even the world — get set to compete in the annual U.S. Hang Gliding Championship Aug. 7 through Aug. 13 at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, event coordinator David Glover said it's hard not to begin looking ahead to 2007.

That's when Big Spring, which has been home to the U.S. championships for an unprecedented three years in a row, will host the World Championship Hang Gliding competition.

Glover, who spoke to the Big Spring Rotary Club Tuesday afternoon, said Big Spring won out as the location for the worldwide event over a number of different nations, sporting a track record that's unrivaled in the

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—David Glover

world of hang gliding.

"The place that gave us the biggest run for the money was in the Czech Republic," said Glover. "There were also locations in Croatia and Slovenia. They all have beautiful sites and have been running good competitions for years and years. They had lots of sponsorship from the

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Superintendents laud student performance

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

All Howard County public school campuses either met or exceeded state accountability standards in 2005, according to information released by the Texas Education Agency.

All Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school district campuses were rated Academically Acceptable or better in the latest TEA ratings, which were released Monday.

Three campuses — Moss Elementary and Bauer Magnet School in Big Spring, and Elbow Elementary in Forsan — were rated as Recognized, the second-highest ranking.

Despite tougher standards established by TEA, all three districts maintained their overall

rating from 2004. Ratings were based for the most part on how students performed on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) standardized test.

For the second year in a row, Big Spring ISD students showed improvement in all TAKS subjects — a fact that counted more to Superintendent Michael Downes than what rating TEA bestowed on the district.

"The rating to me right now is not as important an area as how much our students improved," Downes said. "If we can say that in the last two years, our students have improved in all areas, then yes, we've been successful."

Since 2003, BSISD students have shown double-digit

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Downes

TAKS SCORES BY DISTRICT

	Reading	Writing	Social Studies	Math	Science
BIG SPRING ISD					
2005	80	87	87	65	55
2004	77	86	82	58	44
COAHOMA ISD					
2005	86	90	93	72	67
2004	85	91	80	71	66
FORSAN ISD					
2005	90	97	93	77	73
2004	91	96	88	70	51

Source: Texas Education Agency

Three area schools earn above average rankings

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Three area campuses received special recognition in the latest school ratings released by the Texas Education Agency.

Moss Elementary and Bauer Magnet School in Big Spring, and Elbow Elementary in Forsan received a rating of Recognized,

the second-highest ranking, in the latest TEA listing of Texas public schools.

The school achieved this high ranking based in large part on how students performed in the latest Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) standardized test.

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IT'S A COVERUP

PEKIN, Illinois (AP) — Even in death, Robert Norton's nakedness is a no-no. Norton, 82, spent four decades in and out of court fighting repeated arrests for gardening in the nude. He said he wanted to be buried without any clothes, but his family is sending him to eternity wearing gray slacks and a matching shirt. He had fought 20 indecency arrests since 1962, arguing that he had a constitutional right to public nakedness. Brenda Loete, who lived next door, said she never spoke to her neighbor.

"We didn't really know him. We just had him arrested," Loete said.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Learning and earning are inseparable at the College of the Ozarks — also known as Hard Work U — where full-time students work 15 hours a week to pay their tuition to the liberal arts school in Point Lookout, Mo.

COMBS HERE THURSDAY

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will host a town hall meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The commissioner will be discussing agriculture and rural economic development issues with farmers, ranchers and the community. The open forum discussion will last approximately one hour.

The community center is located at 100 Whipkey Road in Comanche Trail Park.

Obituaries

James P. Ellison

James P. Ellison, 77, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 31, 2005, in the V.A. Medical Center in Albuquerque, N.M. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, August 5, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall and Ben Neel officiating. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. He was born June 20, 1928, in Shelby County, Ala., and married Lois Wilson May 31, 1953, in Morton.

Mr. Ellison came to this area in 1958 and retired from Texaco in 1989. He enjoyed farming and ranching as his second job and he enjoyed fishing and hunting as his hobbies. James Ellison was rich in all the areas that count; he was an honorable man, a hard worker, a loyal friend, a beloved brother, a favorite uncle and an inspiring role model. Of all his many accomplishments, his greatest was the love of his family. The most rewarding joys in his life were his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of Vincent Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon. A veteran of the United States Navy, he served from 1948 to 1952 during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Ellison of Big Spring; one son, Brian Ellison of Coahoma; four daughters, Janet McMahon and husband, Andy of Colorado Springs, Colo., Rita Windham and husband, Joel of Midland, Cheryl Ellison and husband, Joe Saldana of Charlotte, N.C., and Malinda Ellison of Los Angeles, Calif.; one brother, C.J. Ellison of Vincent, Ala.; one sister, Cleonia Burger of Forsan; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Lillian Ellison, two brothers, Braxton Ellison and L.G. Ellison and one sister, Jearlion Seals. The family suggests memorials to the Vincent Baptist Church, 12101 N. FM 1205, Coahoma 79511. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

H. Boyce Hale

H. Boyce Hale, 80, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005, in an Odessa hospice facility. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Around town

- RAILROAD MUSEUM at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.
• POTTON HOUSE, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Alifonso 'Leo' Escovedo

Alifonso "Leo" Escovedo, 65, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 1, 2005, at his residence. Vigil Service will be at 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, 2005, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial in Trinity Memorial Park. He was born Feb. 16, 1940, in Fort Davis. He attended schools in Fort Davis and the family moved to Big Spring from Fort Davis in 1955. He worked a number of years at Foy Dunlap Fina and Shroyer Motor Company. He later owned Leo's Garage until retiring in 1994 due to ill health.

He was an active member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and had held all offices in the St. Joseph's Society. He was a Cursillista. He was also active in the prison ministry. Leo had also been a coach in PeeWee Football. He loved baseball, football and boxing. Leo very much enjoyed watching his granddaughter, Anastasia and his twin nephews, Lucas and Nicholas when they were playing ball. He had received numerous awards and certificates of appreciation for his work in the ministry at the Big Spring Prison Camp and his youth work.

He is survived by his wife, Isabel Escovedo of Big Spring; one son, John Gerard Escovedo, of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Anastasia Ruiz of Big Spring; six brothers, Frank Escovedo Jr. of Kent; Albert Escovedo of El Paso; Trine Escovedo of North Little Rock, Ark.; David Escovedo Sr., of Big Spring, M.J. Escovedo Sr. of North Little Rock, Ark., and Fred Escovedo of Big Spring; seven sisters, Erminia Franco of North Little Rock, Ark., Adela Dominguez of Big Spring, Erlinda Rios of Big Spring, Eufemia Brown of Fort Worth, Irene Lara of Kermit, Yolanda Diaz of El Paso and Luisa Hernandez of Midland; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francisco in 1994 and Merced Escovedo in 1996, one brother, Carlos Escovedo in 1982 and one sister, Maria Rodriguez in 2005.

Pallbearers will be P.J. Dominguez, Luis Rios Jr., Steven Brown, David Escovedo Jr., Juan Rodriguez Jr., Benjamin Escovedo, Margarito Escovedo Jr., and Larry Escovedo. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Roberta Wiley

Roberta Wiley, 85, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:
• VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.
• THEFT was reported: in the 1800 block of FM 700. in the 1700 block of FM 700.
• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - MORE THAN TWO OUNCES LESS THAN FOUR OUNCES was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson Road.
• POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELLING was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson Road.
• POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson Road.
• CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1500 block of Austin.

Fire/EMS

- The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:
• TRAUMA was reported in the 3000 block of Gail Highway. Service was refused.
• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service was refused.
• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 600 block of N.E. Ninth Street.
• GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1300 block of Mesquite.
• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 100 block of E. 23rd Street.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:
• DEANNE MARIE THOMPSON, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated - second offense, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, failure to stop at a stop sign and no driver's license.
• STEVE RODRIGUEZ, 23, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention.
• TIFFINIE VANDERBILT, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on two charges of burglary of a habitation.
• VICTOR FLORES JR., 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of a protective order.
• JENEANE NICHOL RICHARD, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on two charges of possession of a controlled substance and a charge of possession of marijuana - more than two ounces, less than four ounces.
• JEREMY JAMES WHITE, 26, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on two charges of possession of a controlled substance and a charge of possession of marijuana - more than two ounces, less than four ounces.
• GUILLERMO GOMEZ ROMERO, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a Maricopa County warrant for failure to appear.
• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 300 block of Kenneth.

Take note

• EMPLOYER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST AND TOUR OF THE WORKFORCE NETWORK OF BIG SPRING is set for 7:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. Aug. 17. RSVP by Aug. 10 to 263-7641.

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Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Town Hall Meeting with Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.
• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
• Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Spring City Senior Citizen's country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY
• Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Thursday - Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night - Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 30 percent.

Friday - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. East winds around 10 mph.

Friday night - Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Saturday - Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Saturday night - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Sunday night - Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Monday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Monday night - Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Tuesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$32 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$23 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers were: 17, 22, 39, 50, and 52. The Mega Ball number was 46.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-4-15-20-27.

Number matching five of five: none.

Matching four of five: 103. Prize: \$449.

Matching three of five: 3,174. Prize: \$10.

Matching two of five: 34,000. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-5-4

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devices taken for granted on a daily basis — water faucets, lighting fixtures, air conditioning units and even insulation — the city can save more than \$500,000 a year, which would more than cover the annual cost of the overall loan.

"The process has been around for years," said Nobles. "With the local government code being recently passed, the cities now have access to this type of process."

Projects Nobles addressed included an automatic meter reading system for the city's water department, major renovations at the municipal golf course and energy efficient lights and equipment for city facilities.

"We did a project for the city of DeSoto. It was a substantial project and we were able to do lighting, traffic and water improvements," said Nobles. "They've been very happy with what we've done. The city manager is more than happy to tell people about it."

"We're in the process of doing

a project for Collin County. In this area, we've done five or six different projects for Dyess Air Force Base. We've implemented various energy conservation programs for them. In fact, Dyess even won an award for the work that we did. We've also worked with the city of Bedford up in North Texas, which has been through some political and financial struggles, and we were able to save them so they didn't have to raise taxes."

Mayor Russ McEwen gave City Manager Gary Fuqua the go ahead to begin the bidding process for such a service, describing it as a win-win situation.

"You're in a situation where you have a corporation as large as Siemens coming in and saying they've identified these savings, and they will go out and assist us in borrowing the money," said McEwen. "But more importantly, Siemens is telling us they are so confident in their numbers, if we don't meet our projections, they will guarantee these savings. And if we don't meet those savings, they will write a check to us for the difference."



McEwen

"So once we get through with the detailed audit, we're going to be in an absolutely win-win situation. We'll be able to do these projects and know we'll have some savings."

McEwen said the prospect of such a program, which would allow the city to accomplish several projects in eight months that it has struggled with for several years, is exciting.

"I'm obviously very excited about it because it will allow us to implement some programs that we've wanted to implement without any kind of cost to our taxpayers," said McEwen. "There will be no increase in rates or taxes."

"That's the number (\$5.5 million in project funding) we're talking about right now. But that's very preliminary because we have to do the detailed audit, at which time we can identify the particular programs. We are talking about doing things such as replacing light bulbs and mechanisms, heating and air conditioning, even putting in insulation —

giving us cost savings that will not only give us a better environment to work in, but also help cut energy costs."

McEwen said he couldn't yet see any "pitfalls" in the program, but it's hard to say until the necessary detailed audit is completed.

"The only pitfall is if they do the detailed audit and find out we don't have the savings they've projected," said McEwen. "And it might be a situation where we have to have the program longer (than 12 years) or it's just not feasible. But if they are able to do this and tell us what the savings are, I just can't see a downside to it."

"They even told us if we don't trust them completely, we can get a third party bond that would guarantee the savings. So it looks like a project that's going to be very good for our community."

While the prospect of the Siemens project may not spell out an increase in taxes to local citizens, city water customers can still expect a rate increase during the coming year.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District is

expected to increase the cost of water to the city by an amount slightly more than \$200,000 for the next fiscal year and the city is currently proposing passing that cost on to its customers.

If the council approves the increase, all city customers will incur a 12-cent increase in the consumption rate, increasing from \$2.35 to \$2.47 per 1,000 gallons of water.

According to city officials, the average city water customer uses approximately 8,000 gallons per month, which will loosely translate into a 96-cent increase in their monthly bill.

If the detailed audit, which is expected to cost approximately \$30,000, is completed and the project is determined to be non-feasible by Siemens, Nobles said the city would only be responsible for the materials involved, estimated at \$7,000 to \$8,000.

However, if the city decides to back out once the audit is completed, it will have to foot the entire \$30,000 bill.

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local government, which was trying to throw money at it. However, the people and weather in Big Spring won out.

"The world championships have only come to the United States once in the past 30 years, and in 2007 it's coming to Big Spring. We've flown 35 out of 35 contest days over the last five years and that's a record no site in the hang gliding world has."

And as many people begin looking at Big Spring as a possible "mother lode" for hang gliding, Glover said it will take some local interest to turn the Spring City into the hang gliding capital of

the United States, and possibly, the world.

"It's going to take one person in town wanting to see it happen," said Glover. "It takes a local champion to say they are willing to learn how to fly, buy the tug and get a club going. Or even try to get 10 guys together to put in some money and buy a trike and get an instructor here to teach them and build it up from there."

"It takes one person to put out the effort and either make a business out of it or put together a club. They can be very successful and I think it's one of those things where if someone wants to, I would lend them all of the support and information they want. I could see that happening here in Big Spring. It would be really

neat for pilots from around the world to be able to come here — not just during the championships — and fly year round."

And while those Americans who choose to ride the wind for hours at a time might seem like big-time thrill-seekers to most, Glover said nothing could be further from the truth.

"The common perception is that someone that hang glides has to be a daredevil," said Glover. "In actuality, no one wants to get hurt. There are a few guys that fly in such a way they probably will get hurt sooner or later, but everyone wants to go up, fly safely and land safely so they can have some water or beer and see their family when it's done."

"There are very few adrenaline junkies in this sport. There are housewives, engineers, brick layers, insurance agents and real estate guys. It's really the whole gamut."

Glover said hang gliding has changed tremendously over the past several decades, making it a safer and better balanced sport.

"Hang gliding is only about 30 years old," said Glover. "It was most popular and had the most fatalities in the late 1970s and early 1980s, a period we call the battle days. The equipment and pilots weren't rated and there were no instructors. Manufacturers were popping up and going out of business everywhere. Now, however, the gliders are strong and the instructors are good. It's really changed a lot."

For those who plan to view the championships at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, Glover said the window of opportunity to see little more than specks in the sky is limited.

"In the morning people will be doing the ultralight and tandem flying," said Glover. "That's because that's when it's the smoothest. The sun hasn't hit the ground and it hasn't heated up and the thermals aren't really going up yet. That will be in the mornings, from about 8 a.m. until 10 a.m."

"At about 10 a.m. pilots and the tugs will start getting ready. Take off usually won't occur before noon, unless it's just an unusual day. The hang gliders will go up between about noon and 1 p.m., and they will usually land

back at the airport at about 3 p.m. or 4 p.m., depending on the course they are running."

Glover said he and more than 75 pilots are looking forward to taking to the skies of Big Spring once again.

"Everyone is really looking forward to getting back to Big Spring for a number of reasons," said Glover. "Probably the biggest reason is the hospitality we've received each time we've competed there. It's unrivaled. Local coordinator Bobby McDonald and Airpark Director Jim Little have really been great to us."

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improvement in all TAKS categories.

The most dramatic improvement has come in science scores, which 55 percent of Big Spring students passed in 2005, as compared to only 30 percent two years ago.

TEA tightened its standards in two major areas, Downes said. First, the agency included test scores from special subgroups (such as special education students) in its overall ratings; and the passing standards to remain academically

acceptable and better were hiked.

The result of those toughened standards can be shown in the fact that 364 school campuses in Texas were rated academically unacceptable this year, as compared to only 95 in 2004.

"And that's not because 270 schools just decided to do a poorer job this year," Downes said.

TEA standards will continue to tighten even further in the next few years, but that fact is secondary to Downes.

"You give me (the same rate of improvement in all test areas) next year, we'll be sitting pretty," he said. Coahoma ISD students

also held the line in the TEA rankings. All three Coahoma campuses were ranked academically acceptable in 2005, the same as the previous year.

TAKS scores for Coahoma were fairly steady, except in social studies, which 93 percent of CISD students passed, compared to 80 percent in 2004.

Like Downes, Coahoma Superintendent Jerry Johnson stressed the need for overall improvement, but also realized the importance of the TEA rating system.

"We want people to ... recognize that rating. That's what sticks out in

people's minds," he said. "But as long as our students show improvement, that's the important thing. You never want to fall back."

Forsan ISD TAKS scores also were consistent to last year, except in science; 73 percent of FISD students passed that portion in 2005, compared to 51 percent the previous year.

Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson was pleased with the rating, especially in light of toughened TEA standards.

"As passing standards toughen, if your passing rate remains the same, you're at least winning

the battle," Johnson said. "But passing standards have gotten to the point that there's not a school district in Texas that can say that they've got it figured out."

And as standards toughen, Randy Johnson said school districts will have to adapt, or suffer the consequences.

"Continuing to raise the standards won't allow us to sit back and relax," he said. "And that's not necessarily a bad thing."

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Bauer and Moss schools were almost joined at the Recognized level by Kentwood Elementary, which missed out on the rating by a percentage point in science scores.

"It certainly is an honor to receive this kind of rating. It's difficult to achieve," said Rey Villarreal, assistant superintendent for Big Spring schools. "Really, our focus is on student improvement and performance, and this is indicative of progress ... We are very proud of the work that the students and teachers at those campus-

es accomplished this year."

Elbow Elementary students achieved special recognition for the fifth year running, and came close to being rated "exemplary," the highest ranking that TEA bestows on schools. All TAKS scores were in exemplary range except for science,

said Principal Steve Osborn.

"Of course, we've got some great teachers and students, and that's what

got us (the rating)," Osborn said. "And we received great support from our parents, too. That helped a bunch."

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OUR VIEWS

U.S. Nationals
has very best
arriving again

Brightly-colored wings will soon be soaring in the skies around Big Spring as the nation's very best competitive hang gliders again prepare for the U.S. Nationals Hang Gliding Championships at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

The championships are scheduled to begin Sunday and continue through Aug. 13 and will see more than 75 pilots — both the best the United States has to offer and a sprinkling of strong international talent — vying for top honors.

Of course, one of the reasons the national championships are being staged in Big Spring for an unprecedented third consecutive year is the reception members of the United States Hang Gliding Association received during previous championships and that they enjoyed in 2002 when the USHGA's U.S. Open was held here.

As was the case last year, competition in the week-long event will begin on Sunday and will continue through Saturday. Gliders will take off around 1 p.m. each day, taking part in what USHGA spokesman David Glover calls "three-dimensional yacht races in the sky." The gliders are expected to land around 5 p.m. each day.

Clearly, this will be one of the top hang gliding events in the United States this year and spectators are welcomed to show up at the airpark and take in the competitions. They should bring their folding chairs, sunshades and coolers with drinks.

Pilots taking part in the competition are involved in timed "out-and-return" events, as well as distance competitions.

Hang gliders compete in four divisions — fixed wing gliders; fixed wing gliders that sport stabilizers and flaps much like a plane; the even more aerodynamic swift class; and a new sport class designed for those enthusiasts who don't necessarily have the equipment to compete with the top pilots in the three traditional classes.

The gliders are here in Big Spring because this area boasts excellent natural qualities for hang gliding. This portion of West Texas has the geography and weather necessary for excellent soaring conditions.

There's going to be plenty to see over the week of competition at the airpark. Take some time and spend a few hours or maybe even a whole day watching the best hang gliders in the world.

And while we're at it, we're here at the *Herald* want to welcome all the U.S. Nationals participants. We hope they enjoy the stay here in Big Spring and hope they just keep returning for many years to come.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, when we feel entrenched with work and demands may we silently come to You in quick prayer.

Amen

Old theater in Stanton now a home

The Texas Theater in Stanton opened in the 1940's and closed in the late 1960's. During Stanton's Old Sorehead Trade Days recently I walked in front of the old theater and saw people sitting in the entryway. Come to find out those people live in the theater building. I asked if I could see inside and they were most accommodating. "It's a little different," says Kitty McCarty, the woman of the house (or of the theater). "But it's a lot of fun. We have six kids from 9 to 20 and they all enjoy it. A lot of people are surprised that we live here. During Trade Days people walk by and think maybe we have a booth or something set up in here. Sometimes they just come on in."

Kitty and her family have lived in the old theater building eight years. Her parents turned the theater into a home.



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"When they bought it, the screen was still up. Kids had broken in and shot BB guns and ripped holes in it and stuff. I think basically it was just an abandoned movie theater and they started from scratch making it into a townhouse."

Kitty's 18-year-old son Kyle has a room on the top floor of the theater building. He refers to it as the Penthouse and thinks it's the coolest room in Stanton.

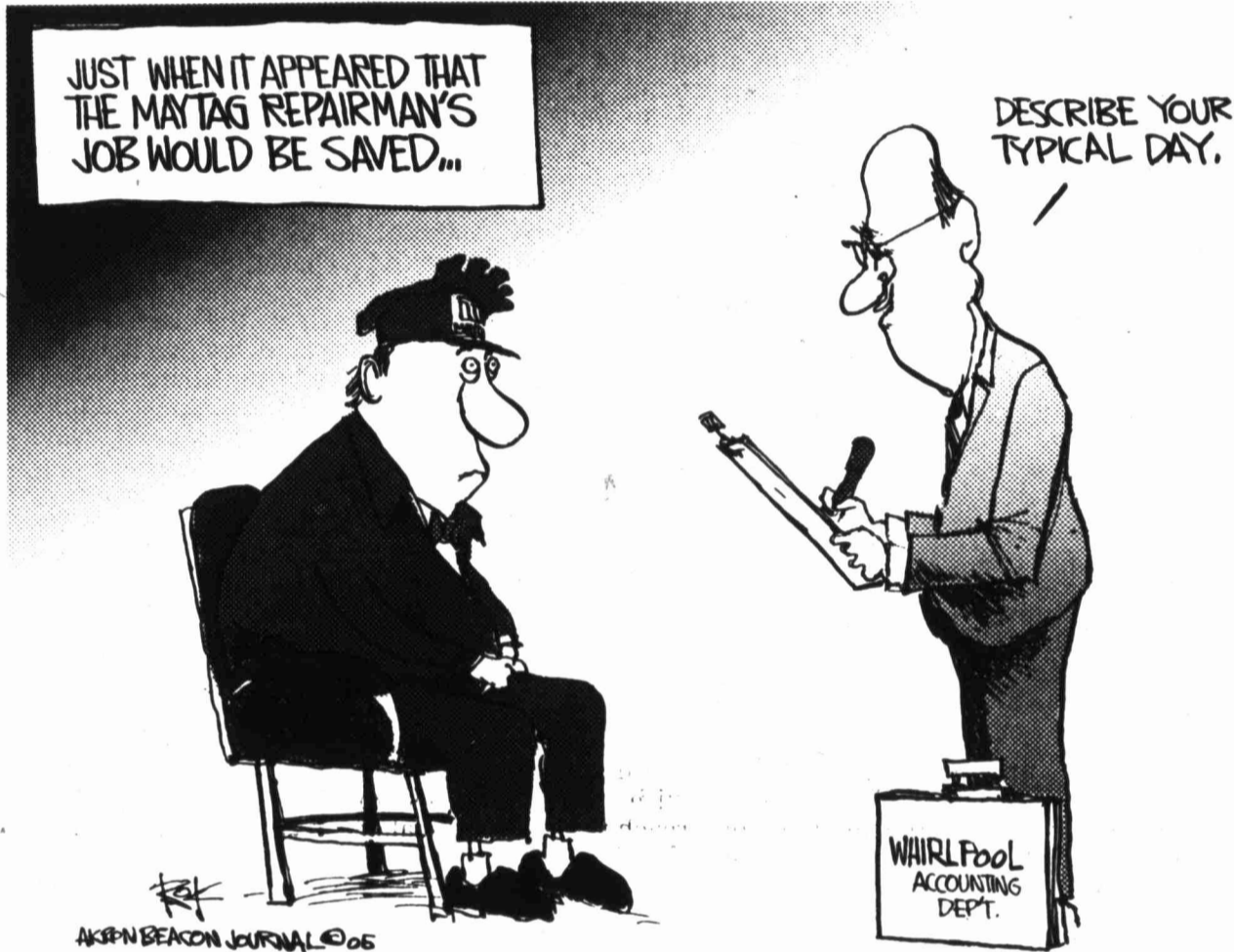
"Yeah, we've got a fireplace in there. No windows, so you can sleep as long as you want to. It's pretty nice up there. I like that room. We can be pretty loud, turn our music up and don't have to worry about any neighbors. It keeps everybody happy."

The building has three levels. The living and dining areas are where the lobby used to be. Bedrooms are upstairs where the balcony once was. The seating area of the theater, where audiences sat, is now a big playground. It's got a pool table, basketball court, swimming pool and hot tub.

"It's pretty neat living here, you know," says Kyle. "It's a good place for teenagers to hang out. We toss footballs around in that big open area and play baseball without worrying about breaking a window. It's kinda hard to play basketball sometimes because the floor is slanted."

The swimming pool is on the stage. The screen frame is still up. The old projectors are still in place in the projection room along with old carbon rods, movie reels, tickets and popcorn bags. Names of people who worked in the theater are written on the walls. The walls of the former seating area also have some historical graffiti.

"When my parents lived here," says Kitty, "they started letting kids draw things and write things on the walls and we've continued to let them do it. Older people will come by and want to come in and look because they have so many memories of growing up here. You know, when cokes were a nickel and a ticket to the show was fifty cents. This is where they hung out. There's a lot of memories going on here."



Scary tales from the suburbia front

Editors note: Molly Ivins is on vacation. The following column was first published in May 2001.

I got lost in the suburbs last week. It was horrible; mile after mile of ticky-tacky on steroids.

I've lived here so long, the only map I own still shows no settlement out there. I couldn't find my way out of those loops and cul-de-sacs, all with Theme Names. I was starting to run low on gas. I wouldn't say panic set in, but it was not the kind of neighborhood where you can rely on the kindness of strangers.

Fortunately, I had just been reading "The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook," specifically, the chapter on "How to Survive When Lost in the Desert" (second in usefulness only to "How to Wrestle Free From an Alligator" — bop it on the nose; now you know). In the desert-survival chapter, right after Step One ("Don't panic") it says, "If you are on foot, try to backtrack by retracing your steps." Also, "If you have completely lost your bearings, try to get to a high vista and look around."

By following this excellent advice, I was finally able to escape the hundreds of young country clubs disguised as homes. I fled back to Beautiful, Downtown South Austin, where our civic motto is, "A Great Place to Buy Auto Parts."

One of the most profound insights I have ever had about our national life is that you cannot outlaw bad taste in America. The Texas Legislature occasionally tries — usually in an effort to prevent teen-agers from getting interested in sex. This is as effective as the time they passed a law rounding off the mathematical function

pi to an even three. Some people just like old refrigerators on their front porches, fountains of little boys peeing and plastic roses. Get over it.

If folks think they need 6,000-square-foot houses that bulge from lot-line to lot-line, good on 'em. The problem is they're building these monstrosities all over the only aquifer we've got in Central Texas. Water is quite an issue in our state. We are also generously blessed with nutcases in the property-rights movement who believe zoning is "commonism" to be fought until we pry the guns from their dead, cold hands. (Marshall Kuykendall, the head of a Texas property-rights group, was once asked for an example of a case where government had taken property without recompense. He replied, "Well, they freed the slaves.")

Austin is a prime example of why suburban sprawl is becoming a major political issue. The Number One Gripe in Austin is no longer the heat (summer is a clever ploy we use to keep the place from being overrun by Yankees), it's the traffic. We have built these monster suburbs all over hell and the aquifer, and the result is no one can get anywhere any more. They sit there in their SUVs, fuming about the traffic while, of course, the air quality gets worse and worse.

The Ledge, kicking and screaming and under the gun of federal sanctions, finally came up with a tepid little plan to reduce air pollution. But while tentatively dealing with the consequences of sprawl to the atmosphere, the Ledge simultaneously encouraged it with a monumentally dumb move. Breaking the First Rule of Holes (when you're in one, stop digging), they passed yet another tax-abatement program, this one designed to attract more manufacturers.

John Sharp, the former state comptroller, observed that if Texas had taken every nickel it has

granted in tax abatement over the last 10 years and put it into the schools instead, we'd not only have better schools, all those employers would have moved here anyway. This is a classic case of throwing good money after bad.

A major cause of suburban sprawl is that it's government-subsidized. We subsidize developments in the form of new roads, water and sewer lines, schools, and emergency services. And tax abatements. We give away hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenues to attract low-wage employers, sometimes with a price tag of \$100,000 per job. This is Seriously Stupid — especially when you consider that studies of why companies move from one place to another. The top factors are quality of life and the schools, both of which are harmed by the very tax abatements supposedly drawing the companies.

Sprawl, says the Sierra Club, is threatening our environment, our health and our quality of life. It increases traffic, saps local resources, destroys open space, crowds schools and drives up taxes. It is not, however, inevitable or necessary. You can control sprawl with smart-growth solutions, which channel growth into areas with existing infrastructure.

Such plans are regarded as a threat by our Legislature. The worst thing you can predict in the Ledge is that, "We'll become like Atlanta," where the air and the traffic got so bad they actually got together and came up with a plan to curb sprawl. Sometimes Texas political rhetoric is so wildly at variance with reality it's hard to tell what planet our elected representatives are from.

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Mormon pageant revives religion's past

By MANYA A. BRACHEAR
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NAUVOO, Ill. — The lights went up and the mayflies swarmed as Latter-day Saints flooded the stage, with the silhouette of the sacred Nauvoo Temple rising from the hallowed bluff behind them.

Then Prophet Joseph Smith appeared, parting a sea of actors and recounting the life and ministry, sacrifice and resurrection of their savior, Jesus Christ.

"Isn't that what all the prophets have taught?" Smith asked as he strolled downstage.

"Yes, Brother Joseph. All the prophets from the beginning of time," the narrator responded. "And such a prophet we found."

As the Mormon Church, officially known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, celebrates the bicentennial of its founding prophet's birth, members from around the world are descending upon Nauvoo, a city that has come to symbolize the meteoric rise and fall of their prophet.

There, immigrants from other nations flocked to be part of a new expression of Christianity, built a temple and created a prosperous and powerful city. And from there, thousands of Mormons were forced to flee across the frozen Mississippi in the dead of night after the murder of their leaders.

For 29 years, Nauvoo has hosted a pageant to showcase the city's history. This year, the pageant has been rewritten and recast to highlight more boldly the doctrine and teachings that Smith laid down for the Latter-day Saints. Church and town officials expect the pageant to triple the town's population of 1,100 during its monthlong run through Aug. 5.

In this anniversary year, Mormons are reflecting on Smith's legacy, which to some degree has been downplayed for fear that outsiders would mistake their reverence for the prophet as if they were worshipping him as a God.

"If one can not square with Prophet Joseph, we have nothing as a church," said Elder Donald Staheli, church President Gordon Hinckley's liaison to Nauvoo. "If Prophet Joseph and his mission are true, then the church has everything. If it's not true, we become a fraud."

The prophet, who lived only to age 38, also is experiencing a rebirth in the minds of scholars who may not accept his claims of a divine role but recognize his significant contributions to the nation's political and religious landscape.

Though Mormons consider themselves to be Christians, the church is founded on the belief that Smith at 14 received a revelation from God that the original church of Jesus Christ had to be restored. His revelations came during a time of religious upheaval called the Second Great Awakening, a series of revivals that swept across New England to renew the purity of early Christianity.

Smith's parents had been fervently religious but did not subscribe to any particular denomination. According to Mormon history, Smith had been praying to God for guidance on which denomination to choose when the first revelation — God the Father and his son Jesus Christ — came.

The church teaches that a subsequent revelation led Smith to dig up gold plates embossed in what the Mormons call "reform Egyptian," which he translated and published as the Book of Mormon. The church considers the book to be a companion text to the Bible or "another testament of Jesus Christ."

"Of all the religions or variations of Christianity that were developing, only Mormonism provided its followers with a Bible book, a holy scripture, and that makes it very special," said Robert Remini, a University of Illinois-Chicago professor who wrote a biography of Joseph Smith in 2002. "It's no wonder he had a

great impact and influenced so many individuals."

As Smith gained followers, they moved from New York to Ohio, on to Missouri and then to Illinois. There Smith, a savvy businessman, negotiated the purchase of a swath of swampland on a bend in the Mississippi, and in 1839 the Mormons founded Nauvoo — Hebrew for "beautiful." After draining the swamps and surviving malaria, cholera and typhoid, they would build 2,000 homes.

Smith acted as mayor, formed a militia to fight dissidents and eventually ran for president on a platform of religious freedom. Before long, the Mormon missionary zeal had drawn enough immigrants to the western Illinois town to rival Chicago in size and political clout.

When Smith and his brother Hyrum were charged with the destruction of an anti-Mormon printing press, they surrendered to authorities in nearby Carthage, Ill., and were shot there by a mob in 1844.

Envy of the surviving Mormons, who wielded enormous political power in Illinois, escalated into anger, and in 1846 then-Illinois Gov. Thomas Ford ordered them to leave. Thousands followed their new prophet Brigham Young to Utah, where church headquarters remain today. Last year the Illinois Legislature issued an apology.

Mormons believe that, like Young, living prophets receive ongoing revelations. They also say time on earth is just one stage of life; people continue to develop after death and are reunited with their families to reach the ultimate goal of "God-hood."

"We can make people live an eternal life like God does," said Richard Bushman, a Mormon professor at Columbia University who has written a biography of Smith to be published this fall. "That is a great message of hope and excitement for human potential."



A scene from Joseph Smith's life, above is portrayed in a play marking the Mormon founder's 200th birthday. David Warner, below, the artistic director who conceived and directs an outdoor pageant that tells the life of Joseph Smith, talks to the cast after a dress rehearsal in Nauvoo, Ill.

Such beliefs rile evangelicals and other Christians who do not believe Smith was a prophet and consider the Mormon church an apostasy. As thousands of Mormons converge in Nauvoo through early August, so have demonstrators who distribute literature to pageant spectators every night.

Nauvoo Police Chief Don Faulkner has called in extra officers to patrol during the pageant and paid his annual visit to Colleen Ralson, a well-known former Mormon who runs a Nauvoo storefront dedicated to proving Mormon doctrine is a fraud.

David Warner, a Mormon who serves as director of music and cultural arts for the church, insists the pageant will illustrate to Christians how much they share with the Latter-day Saints.

"Many people familiar

with the Christian tradition will come in here and hear things they already know and hopefully that will help them see the commonality that we have," Warner said.

"It's about families who come here to this area seeking the most American of ideas — religious freedom," he said. "It's important to realize they were doing something that has been done for centuries — following someone who spoke for God."

What Mormons and other Christians do not have in common, however, is the Book of Mormon, which millions believe is not just a work of art but prophetic.

"You do have to say he's some kind of genius if not inspired as a prophet," Bushman said of Smith. "They have to take him seriously as a force. Any religion that grows to 12 million people — even if you don't believe his the-



ology at all, he was an influential person that has to be admired."

Bushman said intellectual forces aligned against religious miracles have diminished Smith's significance in the fabric of American history.

"They see him in the history of fanaticism in the 19th century," he said. "We need to make larger comparisons, let our imaginations roam a little bit and find other ways to look at Joseph Smith."

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area residents, did bring several construction projects at Forsan to a temporary halt, Johnson said.

At Elbow Elementary, all work except in the office area should be complete by the start of the school year. Office work is expected to be completed shortly after Labor Day.

At the high school, renovated science labs won't

be complete by next week, meaning teachers and students in those classes will have to be put up in temporary settings, Johnson said.

Construction work on a practice gym and band hall will take even longer, Johnson said. The practice gym is not expected to be ready until early or mid-November, while work will continue on the new band hall until March.

"The rains sure were welcome, but they put a

grinding halt to the work," Johnson said. "There will be some delays, but nothing that will be of a major concern."

In other business Tuesday, trustees approved the hiring of Emmanuel Madrid as assistant band director. Madrid, a first-year teacher, is a graduate of the University of North Texas.

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Howard County Library is the site for public review (by citizens of Howard County and its environs) for various environmental reports.

For example, I believe that in the past we have received reports from Alon Refinery, a cotton gin (air quality) and Sid Richardson, etc., that must be placed in a readily accessible place for the public to review and comment on.

We received in the mail this week a report from Freese and Nichols, Inc., an engineering, environmental and architectural firm out of Fort Worth that was contracted to prepare a report on the Region F Water Planning Group.

The report on file is a draft report "An Evaluation of Brackish and Saline Water Resources in Region F."

There is a lot of information in the report that can be and will be important to Howard County, Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan.

The availability of fresh water for household,

industrial and farm use is most important out here and I believe this report is most informative.

An old craft has reasserted itself: crocheted beads. Bestselling author Ann Benson has written "Beaded Crocheted Designs," (745.582 BEN A) showcasing some really beautiful jewelry. This is not a new technique, as I can recall my mother doing this in the 1970s.

However, "they say" this is an easy technique to learn. The premise is simple: crochet beads into thick tubes or ropes that will be used as the foundation for necklaces, bracelets and earrings.

The variety of beads that can be used is endless and you can embellish the item however you wish.

This book can be found in the non-fiction area.

Lori Graham Bakker, wife of Jim Bakker of PTL fame, has written a book on her life and ministry. Titled "More Than I Could Ever Ask," (289.940 BALK L) it is an interesting story of how a woman's (or man's) life

can go so wrong, but come out so right when the right person comes along.

It does give a new perspective on Jim Bakker, too.

Several more "help" books are in: Max Lucado's "It's Not About Me" (248.4 LUC M); "How to Pray for Lost Loved Ones," (248.32 SHE D) by Dutch Sheets; "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World," (248.843 WEA J) by Joanna Weaver and "Unfaithful: Rebuilding Trust After Infidelity," (248.844 SHR G) by a couple who experienced infidelity in their marriage, Gary and Mona Shriver.

These can be found in the non-fiction area.

This book is not just for animal lovers, it is a book for everyone. "Shy Boy: The Horse That Came in From the Wild" (636.108 ROB M) is a sequel to Monty Roberts's "The Man Who Listens to Horses."

Roberts, a California horse trainer, and his relationship with Shy Boy, a wild mustang whom he "gentled" is at the heart of the book.

Roberts's nonviolent approach to acclimating horses to saddle, bridle and rider was highlighted in 1997 and 1998 in a PBS-aired BBC documentary, which led countless viewers to inquire: If given the chance to be free again, would Shy Boy take it and run?

Here is the answer to that question. Roberts describes taking Shy Boy back to his original free-range herd.

The mustang's choice will make for an unforgettable climax that will leave no dry eyes.

Shy Boy, a mix of vigor, strength, innocence, ego and impish high spirits, will win readers' hearts, while Roberts's humane alternative to the harsh treatment of horses holds inspirational lessons about the abuse we inflict on animals and on our fellow humans.

Candace Savage has written a magnificent book: "Prairie: A Natural History" (508.315 SAV C).

When you drive up through Borden county on the way to Gail, the scenery you see is not the same as it was one, 200 or

even 300 years ago.

Man and animal make their marks in subtle ways; the swale of the buffalo wallow, the slow and insidious creep of the mesquite tree.

Savage's book takes you on a history of the prairie and it is incredible.

Another incredible book is Wyman Meinzer's photographic essays on windmills.

"Windmill Tales" (621.45 MEI W) is a collection of Meinzer's photographs of what really tamed this country, the windmill. What is land good for if there is not water accessible for human and animal consumption?

Edited by Coy F. Harris, Meinzer's paean to the lowly windmill is indescribable.

There are few books that I will buy for myself and this is one to add to my personal library.

A fourth incredible book is Robert R. Coenraads's "Rock and Fossils: A Visual Guide" (552 COE R).

Incredibly detailed, both with photos and

drawings, this is a book that I can sit and read forever.

In college, my minor was earth science and if I would have had this book in college, I would have had much better grades! Magnificent in its scope, it is just too cool for words.

I realize that I have overworked magnificent and incredible in describing the last three books, but they cannot do justice to the subject.

And, yes, I have ordered them for myself.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The internet/video room closes one-half hour earlier.

The library is located at 500 S. Main St.; the phone number is 264-2260.

The library is closed Saturdays during August. Beginning Sept. 10, the library will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturdays.

Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian.

WTO schedules seminar, registration for Aug. 12

Special to the Herald

West Texas Opportunities has planned an Outreach Seminar and Registration for 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Aug. 12.

The meeting will be at the WTO office, 4005 E. I-20, the former Cosden

Credit Union at the refinery.

The seminar will provide information to the community about the programs offered through WTO as well as provide applications for those attending to request assistance.

Allocations for the

remainder of 2005 will be considered for the needs of utilities, heating, cooling and weatherization.

For anyone who has not received assistance from the WTO this year, bring proof of identification, and proof of income for the past 30 days.

Also bring a printout

from the Social Security office, social security cards for all family and household members, gas and electric utility bills and landlord information to the meeting.

For more information or with any questions, contact Becky Neumann at 267-9536.

Project Head Start collecting books

Project Head Start is having a book drive through Aug. 15 to collect new and used pre-school books to be distributed to the 51 Head Start classrooms in the five West Texas cities served by Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin.

In addition to the class-

rooms, the books will also be used in a traveling library, encouraging reading outside the classroom.

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Baylor star Niemann wants transfer from school

• Lady Bears not granting basketball player that option

WACO (AP) — Emily Niemann, whose terrific performance in the title game helped Baylor win this past season's basketball championship, has sent program officials an e-mail saying she wants to transfer — but the school isn't allowing it. Still, it appears that the 6-foot-1 forward has played her last game for the Lady Bears.

"It is with shock and personal disappointment that we announce Emily Niemann is leaving our program," coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson said in a statement released Tuesday. Athletic director Ian McCaw said the school is refusing permission for Niemann to speak with other schools "due to the timing and circumstances of this request." McCaw added that Niemann is appealing that decision. "According to Emily's e-

mail, she does not believe she can reach her full potential in our program," Mulkey-Robertson said. "Following the success Emily achieved the past two years and the vital role she played in our team winning a national championship, we were stunned by her decision and it could not have come at a worse time with school starting in two weeks." Niemann averaged 9.8 points per game last season, third-best on a club

that went 33-3. Her 47-percent accuracy on 3-pointers was tops on the team. In Baylor's 84-62 victory over Michigan State for the national championship, she went 5-for-5 on 3-pointers in the first half and finished with 19 points, one below her career-high. She came off the bench when the game was only a few minutes old and nailed two 3s for the Lady Bears' first points. She had a rebound and a putback early in the second half, when the

Spartans had gotten within 10. "I think she was the whole key to this game," Michigan State coach Joanne P. McCallie said that night. "If you take 51 off the floor, it was a different game. She was definitely the X-factor." Niemann came up big in the national semifinal, too, scoring 14 points as Baylor rallied from a 15-point deficit to beat LSU. Her brother, Jeff, led Rice to the College World Series title in 2003.

Clemens shuts down Arizona, Astros stay hot in wild card race

PHOENIX (AP) — Most people at Roger Clemens' age can't get out of bed with a stiff back. The Rocket threw seven dominant innings. Clemens pitched four-hit ball to earn his 338th victory two days before his 43rd birthday, and the Houston Astros beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 3-1 Tuesday night.

Clemens pitched with tightness in his back in his last start, a condition that returned on the flight to Arizona.

"The plane ride wasn't great. Thank goodness I'm standing up out there," Clemens said. "As long as I was moving around it felt fine."

Adam Everett drove in the go-ahead run with a sixth-inning double, and Mike Lamb homered for the Astros, who won for the 14th time in 16 games and extended their lead in the NL wild-card race to two games over the fading Washington Nationals.

Chad Tracy hit his 15th homer for the Diamondbacks, who lost for the second time in six games and fell a game behind the San Diego Padres in the NL West. Clemens (10-4) was dom-

inant after allowing Tracy's home run two batters into the game. He has won at least 10 games in 19 of his 22 seasons.

"I saw it good out of his hand and it was up enough that I could do something with it," Tracy said. "It's good to do something off a future Hall of Famer, but we lost the game so it's all in vain."

Clemens retired 19 of his final 22 batters, striking out the side in the fourth. The right-hander walked one, struck out eight and lowered his major league-leading ERA to 1.45.

"For the most part I'm staying healthy," Clemens said. "I know I'm going to be sore tomorrow and I'm not looking forward to that. But unless it's major this isn't the time to be putting the ball down."

The Diamondbacks' other two hits against Clemens were a two-out single by Tony Clark in the first and a one-out double by Tracy in the sixth.

"Just another seven innings and one run," Astros manager Phil

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Swoopes leads Comets past Laimbeer's Shock

HOUSTON (AP) — Sheryl Swoopes made sure the Houston Comets' home losing streak didn't reach four.

Swoopes hit a 12-foot jumper with 23 seconds to play to give the Comets a 62-61 victory over the Detroit Shock and end a franchise record-tying three-game home losing streak.

The Comets led by 14 points in the second half, but fell behind 59-57 before rallying behind Swoopes and recently acquired Dawn Staley.

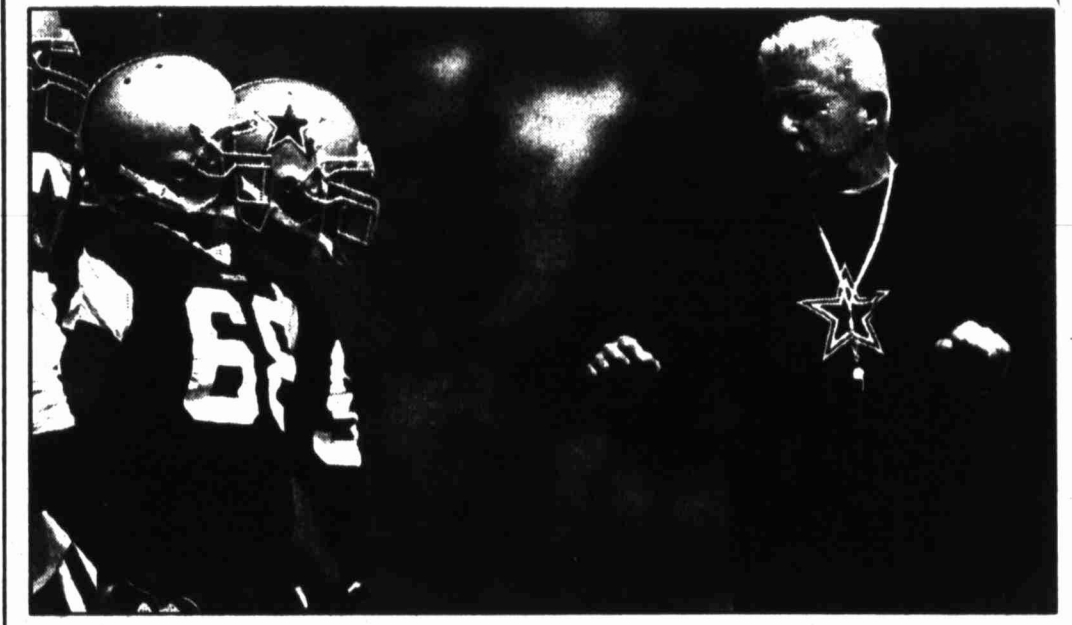
One day after coming

over in a trade from Charlotte, Staley hit a long 3-pointer to give Houston a 60-59 lead with 2:46 left. Swoopes, who finished with 17 points, hit her game-winner after Deanna Nolan gave Detroit a 61-60 lead with 40 seconds left.

"We allowed them to get back in the game," Swoopes said. "We had to fight to get back in it."

Michelle Snow added 15 points and two blocks for the Comets (15-10), who scored just 20 points in

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Dallas Cowboys head coach Bill Parcells leads the team in training camp Saturday. Free agent signee Marco Rivera returned to practice recently after sustaining a scary injury.

Rivera returns to practice

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Marco Rivera has just signed a \$20 million contract, and thought his career might be over without even playing a game for the Dallas Cowboys.

The three-time Pro Bowl offensive guard even offered to tear up the contract and return a \$9 million bonus when he injured his back while running on a treadmill just a week after signing a five-year free agent deal in March.

"When I hurt my back, I'd never felt anything like that before," Rivera said. "Obviously, it was pretty scary."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones didn't take the money back, and now Rivera is in training camp healthy and recovered from surgery to

repair a bulging disk in his lower back.

"My back, I'm not even thinking about it," said Rivera, a 310-pound lineman going into his 10th NFL season. "That first practice, I thought about it a little bit. That was the first time I put pads on since the surgery and did some hitting."

Rivera was a starter the last seven seasons in Green Bay, blocking for Brett Favre while starting 99 straight regular season games plus seven playoff games.

But the Packers didn't come close to what the Cowboys were offering Rivera. Dallas needed to fill the huge gap on the right side of its line, opposite Larry Allen and Flozell Adams on the left side.

While providing more Pro Bowl bulk in front of quarterback Drew

Bledsoe and second-year running back Julius Jones, Rivera is also serving as a mentor and example for young Cowboys linemen.

Rivera was a sixth-round draft pick out of Penn State in 1996 but was inactive for every game that season when Green Bay won the Super Bowl. He went to NFL Europe the next spring, then spent another season with the Packers primarily on special teams before becoming a starter in 1998 and a Pro Bowl selection the past three years.

After getting hurt and having surgery last spring, Rivera went back to work in the weight room. One of his regular workout partners was Jacob Rogers, an offensive lineman who was a fourth-round pick by Parcells in 2004.

Crawford's speed hurts Rangers

• Devil Rays' all-star gets four extra base hits in Tampa Bay win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Carl Crawford's speed helped the surging Tampa Bay Devil Rays to another victory.

Crawford had two triples, two doubles and three RBIs, and the Devil Rays hung on to beat the Texas Rangers 10-8 Tuesday night for Tampa Bay's season-high fifth straight win.

"He could have had four triples," Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella said. "He had a big game."

Crawford matched a team record for the most extra-base hits in a game, previously set by Jose Cruz Jr. and Randy Winn, and took over the AL lead with 11 triples.

"I just tried to put the bat on the ball to get some runs," Crawford said. "We needed every run." Alex Gonzalez homered and Jorge Cantu drove in

three runs for the Devil Rays.

Hank Blalock and Gary Matthews Jr. connected for the Rangers, who began a six-game homestand after a 5-2 road trip.

Devil Rays starter Seth McClung (2-6) gave up seven runs and six hits over 5 1-3 innings. Dany Baez got three outs for his 21st save in 28 chances.

Tampa Bay grabbed a 3-0 lead in the first against Chris Young (8-7) on consecutive RBI doubles by Crawford and Cantu, and a run-scoring single from Aubrey Huff.

Gonzalez's solo homer in the second — his sixth — stretched the Devil Rays' advantage to 4-0.

Texas rallied with a two-run second on Matthews' RBI single and Rod Barajas' run-scoring double.

The Rangers took a 5-4 lead in the third, capitalizing on two walks by McClung followed by Blalock's three-run shot, his 20th.

Tampa Bay went ahead 8-5 with a four-run fourth on Gonzalez's RBI double, Crawford's two-run triple and Cantu's sacrifice fly.

Young, who gave up seven runs and eight hits in 3 1-3 innings, hasn't won since June 30.

Young has been unable to throw his breaking ball for strikes and opponents are waiting on his fastball.

Rangers manager Buck Showalter said Young, the only member of the team's rotation at the start of this season who's currently pitching, has put additional pressure on himself.

The Devil Rays made it 9-5 in the sixth against reliever James Baldwin on Cantu's RBI double.

In the sixth, Alfonso Soriano's RBI double off McClung and Matthews' two-run homer off Trevor Miller — Matthews' 12th — got the Rangers to 9-8. Tampa Bay extended its lead to 10-8 in the ninth on Toby Hall's RBI single.



Cleveland shortstop Shenny Peraza chases down a grounder hit by New York's Hideki Matsui during the first inning of their game at Jacob's Field in Cleveland, Ohio, Tuesday.

O'Neal decides on pay cut in Miami

By TIM REYNOLDS

MIAMI (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal probably left millions on the bargaining table. His biggest obsession now isn't dollars but championships.

O'Neal signed a \$100 million, 5-year contract with the Miami Heat Tuesday, a deal that ensures the 12-time All-Star center plenty of added financial security while allowing the team salary flexibility to pursue other players.

He'll make \$20 million in each of the next five seasons in an agreement believed to include incentives.

He was to have earned \$30.6 million this coming season, opting out of that deal for a longer-term pact with less money annually.

"Shaquille can name his price," said his agent, Perry Rogers. "And the price he named was winning."

Rogers said O'Neal remains the player with the highest annual salary in the league.

The deal was signed shortly after the league's moratorium on player signings expired Tuesday. Signings were supposed

NBA'S MOVES

By TIM REYNOLDS

MIAMI (AP) — In the largest trade in NBA history, Shaquille O'Neal was dealt from Boston to Miami Tuesday night in a transaction involving five teams and 13 players.

The Heat also acquired point guard Jason Williams and small forward James Posey from Memphis, while the Grizzlies received guard Eddie Jones from the Heat. The New Orleans Hornets and Utah Jazz were also involved in

the deal. Miami's Andre Emmert from Memphis, Memphis guard Duane Cook from the Hornets, Heat received Greg Oden from Memphis, Boston picked up Curtis Richardson from Utah and a package — Qyntel Woods, the draft rights to Albert Miralles, two second-round draft picks and cash — from Miami. New Orleans acquired Rasual Butler from Miami and Kev Snyder from Utah, and the Grizzlies received guard Ryan Lopez from the Jazz.

said signing O'Neal was the team's top offseason priority.

"For over a year, the Heat's relationship with Shaquille has been a win-win situation on and off the court," Riley said. "We have been able to secure one of the most dominant men to ever play the game of basketball. ... At the same time, we have gained flexibility to achieve our ultimate goal of winning an NBA championship."

The Heat do not want to be a luxury-tax team, and paying O'Neal \$20 million annually — a figure some could consider a bargain — should not send Miami over the tax threshold. It also seems to ensure that Miami could use its midlevel exception annually to sign players; this year's midlevel is \$5 million.

The 7-foot-1, 327-pound O'Neal made an immediate impact during his first season with Miami, which acquired him in July 2004 from the Los Angeles Lakers for three players and a draft choice.

He averaged 22.9 points and 10.4 rebounds in the regular season, leading the league with a 60.1 field goal percentage.

to begin nearly two weeks ago, but minor complications in putting the new six-year collective bargaining agreement into writing forced two delays.

O'Neal, however, never looked to go elsewhere. He didn't even speak with other clubs.

"I'm very excited about my new agreement with the Heat," O'Neal said in a statement released by

the team. "This contract allows me to address all of my family's long-term financial goals while allowing the Heat the ability to acquire those players that we need to win a championship."

O'Neal was vacationing Tuesday in Rome. Team doctors will fly there and administer a physical Wednesday.

Heat president Pat Riley

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the second half. Nolan scored 23 points for Detroit and had a chance to win the game with less than 2 seconds left, but her jumper glanced off the front of the rim.

With 3:33 to go, double technical fouls were called on Snow and Kara Braxton after Braxton was called for a hard foul and then tangled with Snow.

"I was disappointed with the referee crew," Lambeer said. "They let things get out of hand."

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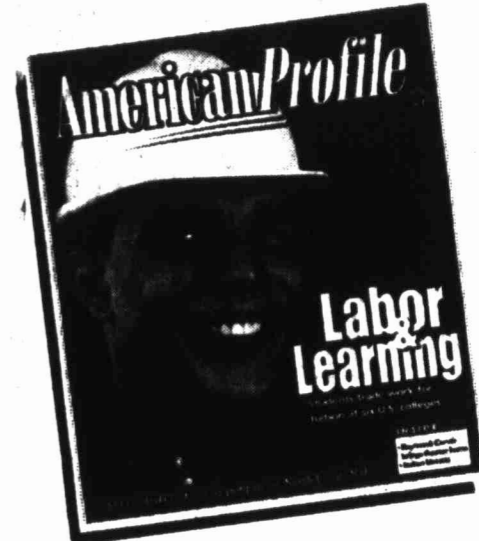
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Was \$9,995 NOW \$8,995</p> <p>1997 Ford F150 R/C Super Cab - All Power, Local One Owner. Was \$6,995 NOW \$5,995</p> <p>*** SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES ***</p> <p>2004 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - Red/Tan, Leather, DVD, Power 3rd Row Rear Seat, Totally Loaded, One Owner w/42,000 Miles. Was \$30,995 NOW \$28,995</p> <p>2003 Ford Expedition XLT - Gray w/Cloth, Dual Air, 3rd Seat, All Power, One Owner w/43,000 Miles. Was \$22,995 NOW \$21,995</p> <p>2003 Chevrolet Avalanche Z66 - Charcoal Metallic, Cloth, XM Radio, OnStar, Local One owner w/36,000 Miles. Was \$25,995 NOW \$24,995</p> <p>2002 Chevrolet Suburban LT - Pewter w/Leather, Loaded, One Owner w/45,000 Miles. Was \$24,995 NOW \$23,995</p>	<p>*** SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES ***</p> <p>2003 Ford Explorer Sport 2-DR - Tandra Green w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/25,000 miles. Was \$14,995 NOW \$13,995</p> <p>2002 Cadillac Escalade All Wheel Drive - Sandstone w/Matching Leather, Fully Loaded, Local One Owner w/40,000 Miles. 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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Make a list throughout the day of the many fragmented details that gnaw away at your general sense of well-being. It may feel like life will never be perfectly in order, and the bad news is, it won't! The good news? The same.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Fun is always a little messy. This is the eve of the new moon, and you'll awake tomorrow with a bright and hopeful attitude.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Family loyalty is one of your strong beliefs. But there is a difference between loyalty and acceptance. A relative is engaging in behavior that may prove harmful. This person respects your opinion — feel free to share it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Love gravitates to those with open minds

and optimistic outlooks. To enhance your own love life, be receptive to new experiences and ditch pessimism for good. Everyone finds you a joy to be around.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Compliments are a surefire way to let your partner know you still find them attractive. Bonus: This person will remind you about your good qualities as well. Singles: This works for you, too. Flattery wins over a potential love.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Just because you're something of a mind reader does not mean everyone else is. Recent arguments with a loved one stem from the fact that they have no clue what you're thinking. Be direct. Subtleties lead to confusion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your calendar is full to the point of absurdity. Scan through the week ahead, and ask yourself if you really need to make an appearance at every event. You'll enjoy yourself more and be a better

guest by being selective. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). At work, make simplicity your goal. It may require you to deconstruct your project and then build it back up again. Without ornamentation and clutter, you understand the essence of what you're doing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You effectively control your age, not through face creams or surgery, but through living well. Someone engaged in a dull routine ages more quickly than you, someone who packs in so many new experiences in a day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The way others respond to you could cause you to doubt yourself. Does that special person take in what you say even when he or she makes no reply? Be assured, you make an impact. Later, this becomes apparent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Demanding and capricious, you nonetheless get what's rightfully yours and help others do the same while you're at

it. Someone has to speak up, and it may as well be you!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You need more encouragement and support — not more criticism and tough love. Be careful not to invite people or situations into your life that will oppose the natural development of your talents.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your productivity is unrelenting! Anyone who objects or calls attention to how hard it must be to keep toiling away is possibly jealous. Being busy suits you better than a leisurely existence would anyhow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You check yourself in the mirror every day, but you've forgotten what you look like. Peer into those eyes until you can see your soul. Note how you've evolved over the last four months.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I think he's a genius, which is why I married him. But he's also painfully shy. Sometimes, I don't think I

can handle being the only person he's close to in the whole world. His birthday is Jan. 27, 1948, and mine is Nov. 12, 1950."

Your husband is a walking paradox. He's not shy because he finds little to relate to in others. Indeed, it is the opposite. He has so many opinions, ideas and prejudices he wants to share that he may feel if he opens his mouth at all he won't be able to control the explosion. (His natal aspects involving the moon and Saturn opposite his Aquarian sun and Mercury point to this wild emotional tension currently going unexpressed.) Scorpio influences in your chart indicate that, without intending to, you may be adding to his burden of self-doubt by misguided efforts to change him or point out what you see as the problem. One-to-one counseling is wonderful for those with sun opposite moon (your husband). An objective party will help him adjust his viewpoint, so that he is able to stop seeing others as the

source of his unhappiness and begin to take control of his own thoughts, attitudes and goals.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Martha Stewart is a creative Leo whose astrological chart makes perfect sense. Mercury (communication/daily doings) is in the sign of all things domestic, Cancer, and her Venus, which represents love and money, is in perfection-oriented Virgo. With Saturn in Taurus, her life lessons have to do with the pursuit of the so-called good life. This aspect also indicates incredible endurance.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I wonder what you would say to a son who is constantly demanding that his father make out a will and leave his 10-acre property to him, excluding his sister.

My husband and I have been married just over a year. He has a grown son and daughter from a previous marriage, both of whom are married with children of their own. I have two grown daughters who are doing very well. None of our children lives anywhere near us.

My husband is 59 years old and is a very caring person who loves all our children. Several years ago, he generously told his son, "Johnny," that he could visit the property any time he wants, and if he would like to do some landscaping or whatever, he should feel free to do so. Johnny gestured, rubbing his thumb and finger together, saying, "Not until I have that piece of paper." I could see that my husband was hurt and embarrassed.

Recently, Johnny sent a letter stating that he and his family are moving to another country and he wants written documentation that the property will be left to him. In the letter, he also states that his dad "owes him" because my husband wasn't always a perfect father.

We have plans to retire on that land in three years and live out our final days there. I cannot imagine having a son or daughter who keeps looking forward to the day you die. How do we stop Johnny's constant preoccupation with our retirement nest egg? — Headed for Retirement in Michigan

Dear Michigan: You and your husband should see a lawyer about making your wills, leaving whatever you plan to leave to whomever you wish to leave it. (We strongly urge you to give each child an equal share.) Johnny is not entitled to know the contents of his father's will until after Dad's death. When he asks about the property, he should be told, "Don't worry. It's all taken care of."

Dear Annie: I am concerned about teenagers who, despite warnings of skin cancer in the future, continue to sun tan and use tanning booths. I wonder if you might have room for the story of how we got through to my granddaughter.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

"Katie" tanned to a deep bronze each summer and used tanning booths during the rest of the year to maintain the color. Her father, a physician, tried to tell her that she risked cancer in later years. I tried to warn her. Her response was a blithe, "Oh, Grandma, by the time I'm your age, they'll have a cure for cancer."

One day, I told her to take a good look at my face. "These wrinkles and that ugly brown spot are not from age. They're from sun damage." That was the end of the tanning. You can't scare teenagers by talking about a disfiguring and painful disease that seems abstract to them. Rather, talk about what they can see for themselves. The language of beauty is one they understand. — Madison, Wis., Grandma

Dear Grandma: We're glad you found a way to reach your granddaughter and make her realize that sun damage doesn't happen overnight. You have to work at it.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Valley Village," who was embarrassed because her husband used a penlight to read the menu in a dark restaurant. I say, "What a great idea."

As I've gotten older, dim lighting makes it hard for me to see small print. I once struggled to read a menu by the table's candle. Imagine my embarrassment when the menu caught fire. Now I carry a penlight, too. — Mark in Okinawa, Japan

Dear Mark: Bet the other patrons were thrilled when your menu caught fire. They could finally see theirs.

Dear Annie: I am one of three adult children in our family. We had another brother, but he died several years ago, leaving a wife and child.

When our mom passed away recently, she left me as the administrator of her trust. Mom had the idea that since one of her four children was gone, her inheritance should be split between her three living children. She thought that her dead son's family should not be included. The three of us

siblings attempted to explain to Mom that this policy surely would create a rift, but she didn't change the trust.

Upon Mom's death, I conferred with my two siblings, and we unanimously agreed that my brother's family should receive a fourth portion of the inheritance. We care for this family and want them in our lives. Months after the settlement, we learned that our sister-in-law, "Betty," believes that Mom's inheritance was much larger than it really is. She is now questioning us as to whether she actually got "her share" of one-quarter of the trust.

If we tell Betty the truth, she will be hurt and angry at Mom. Now there are hard feelings, against me in particular as trustee, and none of us knows how to repair this. Maybe Mom knew something that we didn't. Please give us some suggestions. — Three Flustered People

Dear Flustered: You and your siblings are to be commended for putting family harmony above money. How sad that Betty doesn't feel the same way, but that is no reason to penalize her children.

Is there a lawyer or banker who handled the trust and could verify its contents? If so, ask that

person to write an official letter to Betty, informing her of the total amount in the trust. (There is no need to mention how your mother intended to split the money.)

Dear Annie: I read the responses to "Redding, Calif.," regarding her stance that stores should provide seating for customers who have trouble walking. I have an issue with the word choice of these letter writers, in particular, the word "should." Why "should" stores and restaurants provide special seating? These establishments are only required to offer items for purchase.

A business can choose to offer seating for those people with walking difficulties, but they do not have to. People can choose to visit these establishments or go elsewhere. I have occasional pain upon walking, but I do not expect to be treated differently than anyone else. If going out is difficult, these people can choose to stay home. The bottom line is that people "should" be responsible for their own comfort and their own actions. — S.C. in Florida

Dear S.C.: The word "should" does not mean "must." It is a suggestion, and those stores that provide such seating may find business increasing.

(And we won't get into your comment that people who have difficulty walking ought to stay home.)

Read on:

From Coos Bay, Ore.: When my mother was becoming frail, we begged stores to place chairs discreetly about the place. We even thought heavily trafficked city streets should have at least one bench per block. I now have the same difficulty walking and shop only at places that accommodate me. I used to be world's worst impulse buyer. Now I buy from a catalog or online. I no longer shop for underwear and come out with a new summer wardrobe. Who's losing money? Not me.

California: Having been involved in property management for many years, I can assure you that retail facilities would like to provide seating for customers, but how do you keep the accommodations from being monopolized by kids "hanging out," street people, etc.? How about the inevitable lawsuits when someone trips over a chair or a heavyset person breaks one? We all pay the price for our litigious society in more ways than anyone realizes.

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The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



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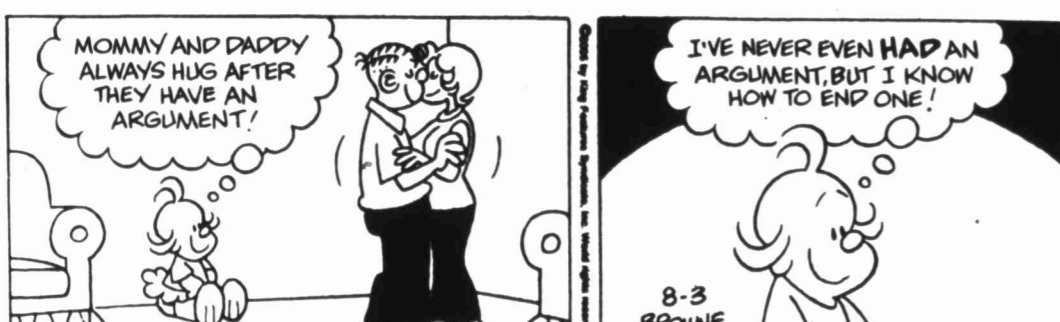
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Aug. 3, the 215th day of 2005. There are 150 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-day Americas.
On this date:
In 1936, the State Department urged Americans in Spain to leave because of that country's civil war.
In 1943, Gen. George S. Patton slapped a private at an army hospital in Sicily, accusing him of cowardice. (Patton was later ordered by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to apologize for this and a second, similar episode.)
In 1958, the nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus became the first vessel to cross the North Pole underwater.
In 1980, closing ceremonies were held in

Moscow for the Summer Olympic Games, which had been boycotted by dozens of countries, including the United States.
In 1981, U.S. air traffic controllers went on strike, despite a warning from President Reagan they would be fired, which they were.
In 1993, the Senate voted 96-3 to confirm Supreme Court nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg.
In 1994, Stephen G. Breyer was sworn in as the Supreme Court's newest justice in a private ceremony at Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist's Vermont summer home.
Ten years ago: A Palestinian, Eyad Ismoll, was flown to the United States from Jordan to face charges he'd driven a bomb-laden van into New York's World Trade Center. (The 1993 explosion killed six people and injured more than 1,000; Ismoll is serving a life sentence.)
Five years ago: George W. Bush accepted the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Philadelphia, presenting himself as an outsider who would return

"civility and respect" to Washington politics.
Today's Birthdays: Author P.D. James is 85. Broadway composer Richard Adler is 84. Singer Tony Bennett is 79. Actor Martin Sheen is 65. Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart is 64. Actor Jay North ("Dennis the Menace") is 54. Rock singer James Hetfield (Metallica) is 42. Rock singer-musician Ed Roland (Collective Soul) is 42. Country musician Dean Sams (Lonestar) is 39. Hip-hop artist Spin (Salt-N-Pepa) is 34. Singer Holly Arnstein (D'Feam) is 20.
Thought for Today: "The man who has no inner life is the slave of his surroundings." Henri Frederic Amiel, Swiss critic (1821-1881).

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Newsday Crossword

COVERING THE BASES by N. Steinberg
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Places for earrings, 6 Moonshine containers, 10 Bank conveniences, 14 Separated, 15 Archipelago component, 16 Gather what's been sown, 17 Clark's boss, 18 Butcher's inventory, 19 Doll's word, 20 "... saw Elba", 21 Tom, Dick and Harry, 23 Collie of TV, 25 Winter toy, 26 Oriole's home, 29 Magazine bigwig, 33 Pre-owned, 38 Istanbul money, 39 Now!, 40 Blackjack card, 41 Tilt, 42 Trade center, 43 Under-developed countries, 46 Author Welty, 48 Take a show on the road, 49 Fall flowers, for short, 51 Place for shadow, 56 Stay-at-home spouses, 61 Sole, 62 All the time, 63 Be durable, 64 Handbag, 65 Raise, as a child, 66 Diminutive ending, 67 Annexed, 68 Small equine, 69 Caspian and Red, 70 "The defense _", 10 Tanklike mammal, 11 Home or Visitors, 12 Role for Roz, 13 Hot tubs, 21 Rancher's purchase, 22 Actor Beatty, 24 Place for the night, 27 Former Iranian leader, 28 Unspoken but understood, 30 Wedding-cake layer, 31 Spoken, 32 The Fountainhead writer, 33 Unchanged, 34 Jacob's twin, 35 Cut-up, 36 Vision science, 37 Sleuth Wolfe, 43 Mexican meal, 44 Club fees, 45 Humorously mocking, 47 Daiquiri ingredient, 50 Enjoy the ice, 52 Keep away from, 53 Christmas song leapers, 54 Map detail, 55 Actions, 56 Arthur Marx's instrument, 57 Scone spread, 58 Response to a pun, 59 ¿Cómo _ used?, 60 Numbered rds., 64 Norm

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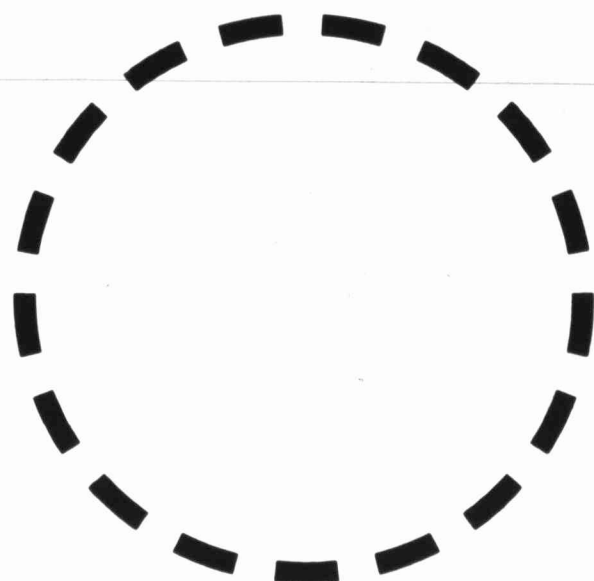
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